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thought in committee made some sense was the fact that currently 60 percent have to take the test. And so, if it would be a class of 100, if 60 per...if 45 took the ACT and 35 took the SAT, that would qualify them. What the amendment does is, if you take those same 100 students you would...and take...that take the test, 60 percent of the 100 is 60 students, and so what this allows you to do actually is just throw out 10 scores from that local and statewide averaging. Schools were very receptive to this. They thought that would make it fairer in coming up with that statewide average. And so I did, although it is technical, I did want to draw your attention to that because I know a number of you had received communication on that subject. So with that, I'll answer any questions.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Senator Bohlke, Chair of the Education Committee, you're recognized to open on the committee amendments. (Standing Committee amendment AMO262 is found on page 575 of the Legislative Journal.)

SENATOR BOHLKE: The committee amendments are, very simply, Section 4 of the bill is amended by reinstating "delays" into a reference to the term "developmental delays", and the second one, in Section 17 of the bill, is amended by deleting a sentence that requires the statewide average for a standard college admission test to include all Nebraska public school students who have taken at least one of the tests. This sentence conflicted with a later sentence stating that the statewide average would include only the scores used to calculate local system averages.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Discussion on the committee amendments? Seeing none, Senator Bohike, you're recognized to close on the committee amendments. She waives the closing. The question before the body is the adoption of the committee amendments to LB 813. All those in favor vote aye; all those opposed vote nay. Please record.

CLERK: 27 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the adoption of committee amendments.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Committee amendments are adopted. Amendment on the desk.